

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Brad A. Medford
Title: UPGRADING ATM EMBEDDED NETWORKS TO CARRY IP SIGNALS
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Customer No.: 60533 Confirmation No.: 3342
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MS: Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

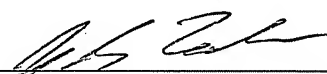
The USPTO has restricted claims 1-8, 12-17, and 19-24 of this application into Group I (Claims 1-8 and 15-17) and Group II (Claims 12-14 and 19-24).

Applicant elects Group I (claims 1-8 and 15-17), and provisionally withdraws the non-elected claims of Group II (claims 12-14 and 19-24). The restriction is respectfully traversed in order to preserve the issue for subsequent petition since the examination of all of the claims is not believed to create an undue burden on the USPTO and since the subject matter among the groups is not independent and distinct as required by statute. Further, the Office has already performed a search on the claims of both Group I and Group II, indicating that the Office did not previously consider the examination of all of the claims to be an undue burden.

In summary, Applicant elects the claims of Group I (claims 1-8 and 15-17) for further prosecution and provisionally withdraws the non-elected claims of Group II (claims 12-14 and 19-24) from consideration. Reconsideration and further prosecution on the merits of at least claims 1-8 and 15-17 are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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